

Saint Julie Billiart

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of *Advent*



Pastor

Rev. Dr. Richard A. Gonser

Permanent Deacons

Rev. Mr. John Rivera

Rev. Dr. Ken DeLuca

In Residence

Rev. Thomas Kowatch

St. John Medical Center, Chaplain

Religious Education

Ceil Morrison, NTV Youth Minister

Nancy Kubiak, Adult Education

Kelly Reed, PSR Principal

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday

9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

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LITURGY

Masses at Church,

5500 Lear Nagle Road

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Monday–Friday

8:30 a.m. at the Chapel

Holydays: Consult the Bulletin.

Confessions: Saturdays

3:00–4:00 p.m. at the Chapel

BAPTISMS

1st & 3rd Sunday by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are most welcome. Please register after Mass in the sacristy, or call the office for an appointment.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Julie Billiart is a welcoming Catholic stewardship based community that strives to proclaim God's goodness in our friendly and caring outreach to those seeking a spiritual home.

Our faith community is centered in the celebration of the Eucharist. Sent forth nourished by the Word of God and our sacramental encounters with the Lord Jesus, we endeavor to live the Gospel each day.

As a compassionate Christian people, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we minister to each other and the greater world community through prayer and action.

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St. Julie Billiard Parish

From the Desk of Father Gonser

As we prepare, in the final week of Advent, for the Feast of Christmas we thank God for His blessings we have received this year as members of this parish and as faithful members of the Catholic Church. I hope that during this final week of Advent that we have time to reflect on how important our faith is. We have been blessed with a solid tradition of truth and spiritual direction in a time where so many have refused to accept God's love in their lives and have turned instead to violence and violation of human rights. Christ presence in our lives makes all things new in the sense that we are guided by His gentle spirit of love, forgiveness, and peace. These qualities should be experienced not only at Church but in our everyday lives. As we celebrate Christmas next weekend pray especially for strong faith and the direction of the Holy Spirit in the challenges of the New Year.

Please welcome our guests and visitors next weekend as we share the revised liturgy and especially our Christmas music for all to enjoy.



Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father." Lk 1:30-32

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | Jim Valenta (Family) |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | St. Julie Billiard Parishioners |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Mildred Dominak (Jim & Rita Ptacek) |
| Monday | 8:30 a.m. | Mary Tracy (Sandra Spann) |
| Tuesday | 8:30 a.m. | Elizabeth Szabo (Family & Friends) |
| Wednesday | 8:30 a.m. | Francine Cassidy (Family) |
| Thursday | 8:30 a.m. | Bill Linden (Norm Linden) |
| Friday | 8:30 a.m. | Poor Souls |
| Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | Harry, Anne & Marleen Gonser (Family) |
| | 10:30 p.m. | John & Ann Gazer (Bob & Pat Gazer) |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | Francine Cassidy (Family) |
| | 10:30 a.m. | St. Julie Billiard Parishioners |



Christmas Schedule of Services

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| December 18 | Children's Christmas Play |
| December 24 | 4:30 p.m. Christmas Music |
| | 5:00 p.m. Family Mass |
| | 9:30 p.m. Christmas Music |
| | 10:00 p.m. Mass |
| December 25 | 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses |
| December 28 | 7:00 p.m. Singing Angels |
| December 31 | 5:00 p.m. Mass |
| January 1 | 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Masses |

Fourth Sunday in Advent

The Week Ahead

December 18

- Sun. PSR
Children's Play, 5:00 p.m.
NTV Shop-N-Wrap
- Mon. SEE Meeting
- Tues. Family Choir
- Wed. Rosary, 7:30 p.m.
- Thurs. Sunday Choir
- Sat. Christmas Eve
Gifts for Baby Jesus
- Sun. Christmas Day
Gifts for Baby Jesus



Coming Events

- December 28
Singing Angels
- December 29
Crockpot Dinner
- January 14
Women's Breakfast, St. Peter's
- January 21
Men's Breakfast, St. Julie's
- January 26
Crockpot Dinner
- January 28
Parish Party, St. Peter's Gym

Family Perspective

Question: What do you call a family that started with an unmarried teen, where a twelve year old ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal by the state? Answer: Holy. The lesson of today's gospel is: no matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you". Let go and let God direct your family. Imitate Mary and "do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God".

Please do not forget to come to the Children's Christmas Play this Sunday, December 18 at 5:00 p.m.



Religious Education

PSR - Parish School of Religion, K-8 (Sundays, Sept.-May, 9:00 a.m.)

December 18 -Christmas Play, 5:00 p.m.

December 25 -NO PSR

NTV - New Teen Vison, High School Religious Education

Spiritual Formation, Social Activities and Service Opportunities

December 18-Shop-N-Wrap

Pictorial Directory by Lifetouch

Don't miss out on being in our new directory and don't miss out on getting a complimentary 8X10 portrait and a copy of the directory. Sign-up is in the back of the church or on line through our website, www.stjuliebilliart.org. The last day to sign-up is Sunday, December 18. If you have children coming home from college for Christmas, December 27 & 28 are perfect dates to sign-up for a family photo. We also have seven dates in January. Hurry, the appointments are filling up fast.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you very much for all your parish's help during our Twenty-fifth Annual Blanket Sunday Collection. Again, there has been an overwhelming response from all across the diocese to this collection. You know we are very sincere in our thanks to you, our parish contact, and to all those who helped make this collection possible, and again, successful.

We wanted to acknowledge your

cash collection of \$660 which will be used to purchase new items that are needed by those we will be assisting.

You have helped continue the "warm" tradition of our Annual Blanket Sunday Collection. This collection is helping many people all across our diocese—families, children, the elderly, and the homeless. Their quality of life will be improved because of what many parishes across the diocese did over the past several weeks. This collection in a very visible and concrete way shows that people, because of their Gospel values, are concerned about others and respond generously when told of needs that exist.

We will continue to remember you and all who assisted with Blanket Sunday in our thoughts and prayers. Please remember the St. Vincent de Paul Society and its special ministry to the poor in yours also.

Thank you again for your kindness, generosity and concern. God bless you always!

Lawrence G. Lauter,
Executive Director



the health of, and caregivers of John Juskiewicz, Bill Senyitko, Helen Petrosky, Dick Sullinger, Winnie Schenosky, Margaret Masley, Ruth Kowatch, Patty Hager, Sara Bacon, Louis Albrigo, Adelaine Daw, Mady Kostiha; for the repose of the souls of Phyllis Harstine and Fr. Simon Nekic, retired pastor of St. Vitus, Lorain; for our Holy Father, bishops, priests, deacons, seminarians, postulants and pastoral ministers; for true and lasting peace in the Middle East; for our political, military and religious leaders to be guided by the principals of peace, justice and charity; for an Advent Season filled with spiritual growth and a heightened awareness of the meaning of Christmas.

Needed

We are in need of children and teens to have some fun singing Christmas Carols for Crock Pot Thursday on December 29, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Practice will be Sunday, December 18, 10:00-

10:25 a.m. and Tuesday, December 27, 7:00 p.m.

Please contact Tracy Beckett for details, 440-281-1126.



Gifts for Baby Jesus

In our continuing support of Birthright of Lorain County, St. Julie's Respect Life group and Rosary group will sponsor our annual "Gifts for Baby Jesus" at all masses Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Birthright uses these items to make up layette sets that are given to mothers to take their babies home from the hospital. These mothers have decided to give their babies the greatest gift of all, Life! We like these items to be new. Gifts may be presented during the offertory. Requested items include: Sleepers, Receiving Blankets, Infant Clothes, Bottles, Nipples, Booties, Socks, Bibs, Onesies, Undershirts, Diapers and Formula (any brand).

Parish Stewardship

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| Dec. 11: Envelopes used: 242 (out of 686 mailed) .. | \$5730 |
| Average per Envelope | \$24 |
| Children's | \$71 |
| School Subsidy | \$187 |
| Capital Improvement | \$1493 |
| Net Offertory | \$7481 |
| Mass Attendance | 713 |
| Religious Retirement | \$1868 |

Thank you for sharing your blessings.

News & Events

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Sat, Dec. 17, 5:00

(L1) Tracy Beckett
(L2) Terry Flanagan
(EM) Tracy Beckett
Don Braun
Ed Hurst
Beth Paoloni*

Sun, Dec. 18, 9:00

Linda Vasiloff
Beth Krosse
Laura Eland
Michele Hardin
Brenda Klein
Mary Kay Polomsky
Linda Forthofer*
Pat Liccardi*

10:30

Nick Vilagi
Mark LaLonde
Tom Lamoda
Brian/Joanne
Robejsek

Sat, Dec. 24, 5:00

(L1) Jack Whipkey
(L2) Vicki Fisher
(EM) Agnes Klimkowicz
Debijo Lamb*
Jack Whipkey

10:00

Cathy Sliter
Debijo Lamb*

Sun, Dec. 25, 9:00

(L1)
(L2) Diane DeMelo
(EM)
Jim/Joanne Carter
Diane DeMelo
Linda Forthofer*
(Sacristan*)

10:30

Betty D'Antonio
Joe Dominak*
Annamarie Pabian
John Palazzo

Cursillo

I made Cursillo 24 years ago. It was the right thing, at just the right time for me. It helped me to answer many questions I had about my faith. Cursillo helped me set a path for how I wanted to live my life and live my faith, with God at the center. Cursillo also blessed me with many friends who have helped me in good times and in bad times. They are always there for me. They help me keep my faith strong, and push me when I need it. I will always be grateful to God for my Cursillo experience and for the men and women who have walked with me, sharing the peace, love and joy of Jesus. Ron Sroka # 112

Men's Weekend - January 19-22, 2011

Women's Weekend - March 1-4, 2011

Little Brothers and Sisters of the Eucharist

Please join us at the 13th annual Visitation Home Reunion Dance to benefit the Community of the Little Brothers and Sisters of the Eucharist. It will be held at St. Clarence Hall, N. Olmsted on Friday, January 20, 8:00 p.m. to Midnight. Music will be provided by the Andy Cooney Show Band. Tickets are \$25 each and include light refreshments. For information or tickets call 216-251-4075.

Come & See Weekends

Borromeo and Saint Mary Seminary, February 10-12 and April 20-22, 7:00 Friday to 1:00 p.m. Sunday. What: Overnight retreat for men between 17 and 40 years of age, offering the opportunity to experience life at the seminary. Where: Center for Pastoral Leadership, 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe. Contact: Father Michael P. McCandless, 440-943-7660 or mmccandless@dioceseofcleveland.org